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Part B for July, 40.

SUBJECT.

Questionnaire for the Census of 1944.

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From the Census Supdt in Mysore
Letter No. 1396 dated 11.6.40.

Forwards for the information of Govt a set of questions proposed to be asked during Census, as decided at the Census Conference held in Delhi during February 1940

It is stated that the Questionaire for 1941 is mainly on the lines of the one for the last Census. There are some changes which are mentioned below:-

(1) The Question re: infirmities has been omitted in accordance with the instructions of Govt that the collection of information under that head is not necessary. Reference is invited in this connection to a letter in which the Private Secretary to H.H. has recently addressed Govt re: the advisibility of collecting information re: infirmities and the file has been sent to the Census Supdt. un officially for his remarks.

A new question No 22 re: the Standard of education is added and another change is that there will be no schedules for enumeration.

The Census Supdt has explained in detail the aims of certain questions to be asked, and that the new system has certain advantages of saving of time, cost and labour and also of getting ~~more~~ useful information in a more useful form

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The questionaire & their Scope have been explained by the Census Supdt.

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OFFICE OF THE CENSUS SUPERINTENDENT
IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 11th June *194*

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SIR,

Adverting to Section 6 of the Mysore Census Act of 1940 and para 5 of Government Notification No: G.9980-10034/Cens. 34-39-2 dated the 30th May 1940, I have the honour to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a set of questions that it is proposed to ask at the next census as decided at the Census Conference held in Delhi last February.

2. The discussions on these questions at the Conference are contained in pages 9 to 13 of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Conference, a copy of which was forwarded to you with this Office letter No: 698 dated 30th March 1940. It will be observed that the questionnaire for the next Census is mainly on the same lines as the one for the last Census. The following changes are however worth noticing:--

(1) The question about the infirmities has been omitted and question Nos: 7 and 8 on fertility statistics have been substituted instead. The desirability of collecting these statistics has been discussed in paras 23 and 24 of the Proceedings.

(2) Questions 10 to 16 about "Main" and "Subsidiary" occupations, and "Earner" or "Dependent" have been recast this time; and emphasis has been laid on dependency, so that the wholly and the partially dependent may first be eliminated, before fixing the occupation of the others. The means of livelihood are then considered in their order of importance and divided into Main and Subsidiary occupations

an account being taken of all subsidiary occupations instead of only one as on the previous occasion. Questions 11 ~~to~~ and 16 will also elicit whether the means of livelihood or occupation is independent or under some other employer. Questions 12 and 13 are designed to ascertain the extent of unemployment. These questions are thus designed to ascertain (a) dependency (b) main and subsidiary occupation (c) employment under some one else or independent occupation and (d) the extent of unemployment, and may be considered as an improvement on similar questions given in the last census which divided the people into earners and dependents and which noted only two occupation of a person - one main and one subsidiary - though he may have pursued more than two.

(3) Question 19 is designed to ascertain not the several languages known by an individual, but the Indian languages other than the mother tongue which are commonly used by persons in that region. Hence emphasis has been laid upon "Indian" and "common use".

(4) The questions about literacy has been split up into three parts and are self explanatory.

(5) One new question No: 22 has been added this time relating to the standard of education, and it will enable us to ascertain the extent of unemployment among the educated.

(6) Question No: 23 has been added for use in this State, in accordance with the instructions of Government issued in their letter No: G.9578-Cens.26-39-2 dated 16th May 1940.

3. Another important departure on this occasion is that there will be no schedules for enumeration. The practice hitherto was to record in the Schedule (in the form forwarded herewith) the particulars about individuals, and then to abstra the particulars on to a slip of paper - one for each individual for purposes of sorting and classification. This is now considered a waste of effort, time and stationery. It has therefore been decided to do the enumeration directly on to

The right hand bottom of each slip will carry a transverse line and if a slip is used for enumerating a female, the corner will be folded over the line and cut off. The shape of the slip itself thus acts as an automatic sort of sex. The set of questions with instructions will be supplied to each enumerator separately and it is only the answers that the enumerator has to record on the slips against the serial number of the question. Even these answers will be by signs and symbols in most cases and will minimise scriptory work, as explained in the proceedings above referred to. For example, while answering the question about Civil condition (0) will be marked against an unmarried person, and a tick (✓) against married and a cross (X) against widowed.

4. The new system is calculated to reduce time, cost and labour, at the same time eliciting information in a more useful form.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Census Superintendent.

K.S.